

Parent and Carer NEWSLETTER

June 2022

Our June edition brings together a selection of student activities from volunteering, learning new skills on trips and creating thought provoking art exhibitions and creative media documentaries. You will find information on courses that may interest you through University of Suffolk, based on our campuses and how our learning services team can support students and apprentices in their studies.

We celebrate two examples of many wonderful success stories, follow us on social media to get regular updates on the brilliant achievements of our students. We are proud of our college community and wish to share far and wide.

Our careers and wellbeing team are working over the summer and here to support any queries you may have. Contact us on heretohelp@eastcoast.ac.uk or phone our main line on **0800 854 695** and we will put you in touch with the relevant people.

GOOD FOR ME, GOOD FOR FE

Across 2021/22, staff and students donated 6,975 items, raised £2,247.49 and took part in 6,658 social hours as part of the GoodForMeGoodForFE campaign.

- Catering students baked 3,000 portions of cake for the Sotterley Country Fair.
- Travel and Tourism students made cards for a local resident's 100th birthday, strengthening student community connections.
- Babybank items were donated by partners, students and staff to support student families. 3,282 items were collected.
- Music and Performing Arts students raised £136 for mental health charities and in lieu of performance tickets, collected 170 items to be donated to foodbanks.
- Childcare students made worry dolls for local children's charities that support children's wellbeing.
- Welding students designed a log burner which was auctioned for £1,000 for local wildlife charities and created 120 social action hours.
- For Armistice Day, over 50 social action hours were completed with crocheted poppies and a student-led parade.
- Students held an anti-fashion show to highlight the impact of disposable fashion.
- Prince's Trust joined forces with Gardline, Sea Life Centre and Norfolk Beach Cleans to sweep Great Yarmouth beach, collecting over 76kg of rubbish.
- Media students worked with Freshly Grated to boost local charity activity.
- Students decorated Yare Art Gallery, refreshing the gallery space ready for local artists to exhibit their work.
- Students from the ALS enrichment programme raised £142 selling handmade Christmas gifts. They donated £75 to Foxy Lodge Wildlife Rescue to support their work caring for injured wild animals and the rest of the money will go towards future college projects.



SUCCESS STORIES



GAIL EDWARDS



Gail is one of Future Projects many bright trainees on the Norfolk Community College project. She was previously unemployed for 19 years due to many barriers and challenging situations setting her back from finding employment. During her time on the project, Gail felt like she was doing something worthwhile to better herself and her life. She was able to build her confidence, learn new skills that she could carry over to her employment and daily life, and update her CV. Gail was eventually offered the opportunity to join Future Projects as an Employment Development Worker trainee for Norfolk Community College and has taken on participants of her own to support back into work, training, or education.

How did the support you received help you to overcome your parent-related barriers to employment?

"With all the different charities, organisations, and people I've been in contact with, everyone has been so understanding in my situation of being a single mum. Everyone has understood that certain times in the day are not as good as others due to school runs and if we were to meet up with my son with me, I'm not going to be able to focus and give my 100% as there may be a distraction."

Did flexible appointment times help maintain engagement?

"At the beginning during lockdown, the contact was mainly on the phone, and again everyone I spoke to made me feel comfortable, gave me great advice, great listeners, and phoned me during school hours. When I was unable to talk or would call back when something came up, they were very understanding and always contacted me on time as arranged."

Did staff support your job search by identifying roles with child-friendly working hours?

"The support and advice I received were great. They offered a variety of employment roles and sectors that could be worth looking into, as well as offering training and updating my skills and CV."

JAYDN JOHNSON



Level 3 Extended Diploma Creative Media student Jaydn Johnson has been working at local company TMS Media as an intern alongside his studies.

Jaydn has worked on many live projects with TMS Media and has even started up his own company, JJ Visuals. Jaydn has recently been accepted to study BA Practical Filmmaking at the prestigious MetFilm School in London next year!

Jaydn said: "A life changing opportunity for me was applying to be an intern with TMS Media, a fantastic company with an awesome team! It has given me a lot of experience in the working world of media and content creation. As an intern, I have met a lot of people in such a short space of time. Due to contacts I've made and people talking about me, I was put forward to create Great Yarmouth Pleasure Beach's brand new YouTube channel. I now work for big name clients around Norfolk and Suffolk, such as Pleasure Beach, Merlin's Sports Bar, Dove and Daisy, UTCN, Visit Great Yarmouth and Great Yarmouth Borough Council. I also have personal clients and create music videos for musicians and take wedding photography."

If your young person has a creative eye and would like to follow in the same steps as Jaydn, apply for Creative Media today!

<https://www.eastcoast.ac.uk/subject/creative-media/>

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...



ITALY TRIP



30 students from our Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth campuses experienced a two-week trip to Bologna to explore international approaches to childcare and compare these with their own experiences. The first stop was the Lorus Malaguzzi International Center where students explored different ateliers and learnt all about the Reggio Emilia Approach.

They investigated different ways to innovate and inspire children that they will continue to build on when they return to their own placements.

If your young person is interested in learning and working in the childcare sector then you can still apply to study with us this September! Visit:

<https://www.eastcoast.ac.uk/subject/childcare-and-education/>

ALICE IN WONDERLAND PROP MAKING



Level 3 Health and Social Care students worked really hard to create Alice in Wonderland themed props for one of our placement's Alice themed tea party. They were very creative with their designs, and the team at Involve were very pleased with the student's props and put them to good use.

END OF YEAR EXHIBITIONS

Creative students host public end of year exhibition for first time since the pandemic

Art, Media, and Digital Design students at East Coast College have celebrated the end of their year with public exhibitions for the first time since the pandemic.

Students from both the Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth campuses displayed a range of animation, film, fashion, art, graphics, and photography at both the college and ARC Cinema in Great Yarmouth on Thursday, 23rd June.

The ARC Cinema was hired by the creative department for the special showing of the further and higher education courses which included documentary and special effects.

One media student said: "It was great to see my work up on the big screen, it looked so professional, and it has inspired me to work hard to do it again."

Degree student Ryan Stringer, who is studying a BA (Hons) in Visual Effects and Post-Production through the University of Suffolk at the East Coast's Great Yarmouth campus, screened his film 'The Imperial' which recently won best Super Short Film at the 8 & HalFilm Awards international event. It is the second accolade Ryan has received, having also won the Super Short category at the Cotswold International Film Festival in May.

Course leader, Phil Bury, said: "The exhibition has been two years in the making. It's a unique experience and a great achievement for the students and their families to display their work to the public. We would like to thank Derren at the ARC Cinema for their support."

Digital Design student Phoebe Websdale, who is progressing to Level 3 at the college next year, said: "The course has let me express my creativity and realise my ambition to go to university to study illustration in the future."

Other students including Paul Snailham and Jennie Riches are progressing to study a new degree in Visual Art through the University of Suffolk at East Coast College, while second year Art and Design student Maisie Kirk, is progressing to specialise in fashion.

Mat Dale, Curriculum Manager for Creative and Digital, said: "It's great to be back to celebrate all things creative. We are incredibly proud of all our students who have worked extremely hard to produce a professional exhibition alongside their studies.

"We hope their work will inspire others to get that craft box, paints and sketchbook or camera out and get creative this summer, and maybe apply for one of our part or full-time courses to start your journey. It's never too late to turn your interest into a career and your work might be celebrated in our fantastic exhibitions or cinema showings in the future."

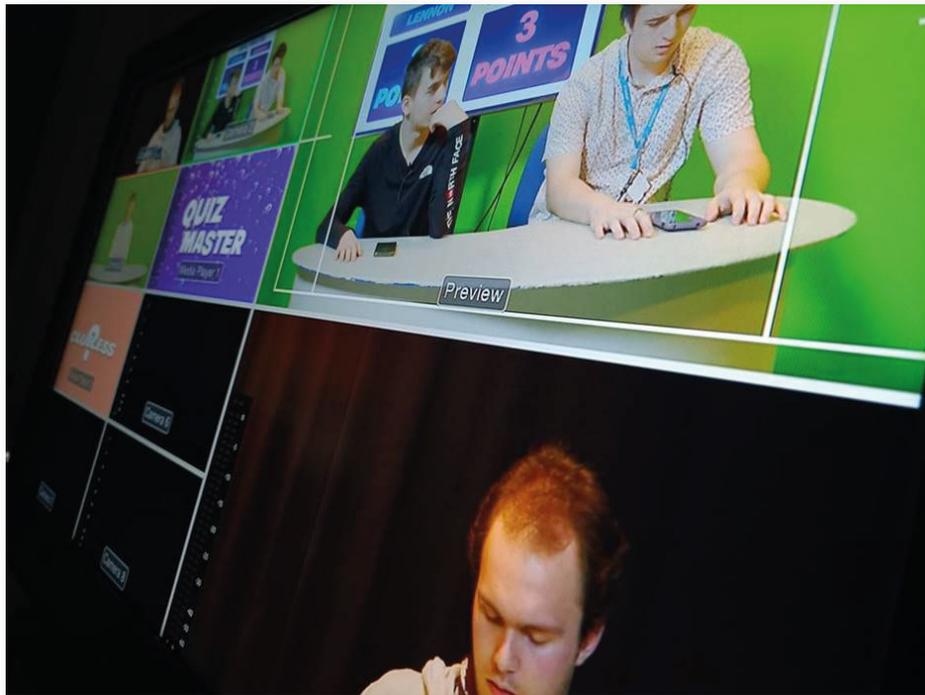
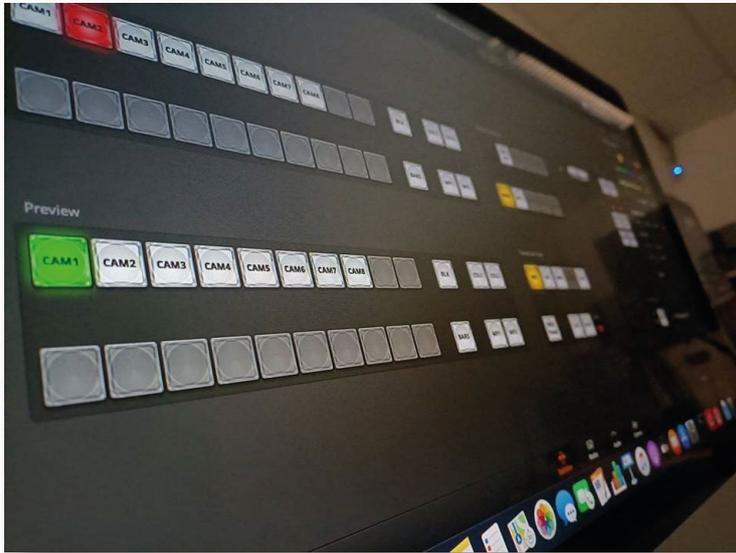
The next exhibition of students' work will be held at Skippings Gallery in Great Yarmouth from July 5th to 9th. To find out more about the range of creative courses at East Coast College, visit www.eastcoast.ac.uk.



CREATIVE MEDIA PROJECTS

LEVEL 3 TV SHOW

It has also been an exciting time for the students who still have time left on their Creative Media courses. The Level 3 first year students planned, scripted and recorded a TV show by themselves.



To see some of the work which the students have produced and some behind the scenes footage, click the links below -

The Level 3 TV show - [CLICK HERE](#)

The Level 3 music documentary for Freshly Greated - [CLICK HERE](#)

The Level 3 documentary with the London Mozart players - [CLICK HERE](#)

FILMING ON TIME AND TIDE

Some students have filmed for the 'Time and Tide' exhibition a short documentary which goes live in July. There are some pictures of them filming the project below.



T-SHIRT MAKING WITH THE LEVEL 3's TO PROMOTE THEIR FILMS



The Level 3 students explored ways to advertise their films and expanded their skill set by printing T-shirts. They applied the designs using a heat press and ink transfers, and the results were brilliant!

LEARNING SERVICES UPDATE

The Learning Services Team maintain campus libraries, shops and study areas on both Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth Campuses. Students based off-campus can contact us by email to request support in a way that best suits them.

Library Services

The campus libraries are safe spaces for students looking for somewhere quiet and our staff are friendly and helpful. We have many books for study and for leisure. Many of our textbooks are also available as e-books, meaning students can quickly access the materials they need for assessments from any internet-connected technology. We also hold a collection of audiobooks on CD and have a range of online databases to support coursework. Our library catalogue is available for you to view at <https://library.eastcoast.ac.uk>

Books are loaned for three weeks. We don't charge daily late fees however if books aren't returned at the end of the year we will write home asking for the cost of replacement, so at the end of each term please remind students to return their library books! Students who are on a course that runs through summer and/or they are returning to us in September, let them know our online resources will be accessible through summer and they can contact us by email if they need any other support with summer projects etc.

Shop Services

The campus shops offer stationery and print services. Our knowledgeable staff can advise students on what items will best suit their needs, and we also offer an ordering service for any specialist supplies that may be required. College shop stock includes basic stationery such as pens, pencils, paper, maths equipment, art supplies and a range of storage options like folders and wallets. Students who are eligible for a bursary can spend their termly shop allowance with us on stationery or convert some of the allowance to print credit.

The shop staff also offer a range of options to help students present their work in the best quality. This includes lamination, binding, and a range of boards and papers for creating posters and displays. If students are on a course that runs through summer or they are returning to us in September, let them know that while our main desk closes to students during July and August, the shop team are available by email if they have any queries.

Digital Support

There are many PCs available on each campus for students to use, in the libraries and in open access areas across each campus. We also have printers available across campus. The Learning Services Team are available to help students develop digital skills, from computer basics to advanced search and media literacy skills. Students can email the Digital Support Helpdesk to book a support session or make requests such as password reminders or to report any problems. Please note that Digital Support cannot help with hardware problems such as problems with laptops. These should be referred to the tutor or directly to IT Services.

Contact Us

- College Shop – shop@eastcoast.ac.uk
- Digital Support – digitalsupport@eastcoast.ac.uk
- Library Services – library@eastcoast.ac.uk

Our helpdesks are staffed between 8:30am and 4:30pm Monday to Friday.

STAY NEAR GO FAR

Study a degree on your doorstep with the University of Suffolk at East Coast College at our Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth campuses.

Some of the benefits of staying local include:

- Smaller class sizes
- Sector experienced tutors
- Excellent student satisfaction
- Fantastic links to employers
- Easy to study around other commitments
- Lower cost, live at home and stay in work

Places are still available for a September start. Visit our website to apply!

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HONOURS DEGREES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SUFFOLK AT EAST COAST COLLEGE

- Applied Care Practice (Adult Support Needs) (Progression Route)
- Applied Care Practice (Children and Families) (Progression Route)
- Applied Care Practice (Mental Health Support) (Progression Route)
- Applied Psychology
- Business Management
- Children's Care, Learning and Development (Progression Route)
- Creative Arts Practice
- Crime, Justice and Society
- Cultural Studies
- Inclusive Practice and Integrated Working (Progression Route)
- Literary Studies with Creative Writing
- Operations Engineering (Progression Route)
- Person-Centred Counselling
- Practical Life Sciences (Progression Route)
- Social Science
- Sport, Health and Exercise (Progression Route)
- Sustainable Futures (Progression Route)
- Visual Arts*
- Visual Effects and Post-Production (Progression Route)

Find out more

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*This course is subject to validation

FOUNDATION DEGREES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SUFFOLK AT EAST COAST COLLEGE

- Biomedical Science*
- Children's Care, Learning and Development
- Children's Health, Play and Wellbeing
- Conservation Science and Animal Management (Wildlife and Zoo)
- Creative Arts for Health and Wellbeing
- Environment and Sustainable Energy
- Fashion and Textiles
- Forensic Science*
- Nautical Science
- Network Development and Cyber Security*
- Practical Life Sciences
- Professional Photographic Practice
- Social Welfare, Advice and Guidance
- Sport, Health and Exercise
- Supporting Inclusive Learning and Practice
- Visual Effects and Post-Production
- Web Technologies*

HOW TO APPLY

To apply and for further information please visit www.ucas.com.

There are a variety of loans and grants that you can apply for. For information on the funding available visit www.gov.uk/student-finance.

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